GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:549
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2008
FUNCTIONING OF MOBILE TOWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the mobile towers installed by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the country including Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years and till date, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the targets set in this regard for 2008-09, State-wise;

(c) whether all these mobile towers are functioning properly;

(d) if not, the details of those not functioning properly, State-wise and location-wise; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.549 FOR 5TH MAY, 2008 REGARDING FUNCTIONING OF MOBILE TOWERS.

(a) The number of Mobile towers installed by BSNL in the country including Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years and till date, State wise are given in Annexure-I. The location wise details of towers available in the country including Madhya Pradesh is being collected and compiled which will be submitted subsequently.

Details of GSM mobile towers installed by MTNL during the last three years are given below.

Year
  Delhi Mumbai

2005-06 132 100

2006-07 105 54

2007-08 146 86

2008-09 40 04

(till 30th April)

(b) The target set in this regard by BSNL for 2008-09, State-wise is enclosed in Annexure II MTNL has proposed to install 120 GSM mobile towers in Delhi and 273 GSM Mobile towers in Mumbai in 2008-09.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir.BSNL and MTNL are augmenting their mobile network progressively so as to enhance coverage, capacity and to

further improve the quality of service. BSNL and MTNL are also optimizing their network continuously for better performance. Monitoring of the network has also been strengthened to ensure performance as per QoS parameters prescribed by TRAI.